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SUBJECT: SOVIET REFUGEE: KHMELEVSKI

REF: 1) BRUSSELS 3161 2) BUJUMBURA 287

1. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION, PLEASE PASS

KHMELEVSKI FOLLOWING FROM ACTING UNDP RESREP ROEJKJAER: REQUEST
YOU PHONE JIMENEZ OR KABORE AT UNESCO ASAP AND EXPLAIN A)
WHY YOU HAD TO LEAVE BUJUMBURA AND B) WHY YOU COULD NOT ACCEPT
SHALEV'S PROPOSAL TO RETURN TO USSR.

2. FFI. MOSHE A. SHALEV, ISRAELI CHIEF OF UNESCO TEAM IN
BURUNDI, HAS TAKEN STANCE FAVORABLE TO SOVIETS THROUGHOUT THIS
AFFAIR. WHEN ROEJKJAER REFUSED SOVIET EMBASSY REQUEST TO
PROVIDE KHMELEVSKI WITH TICKET, SHALEV REPORTEDLY URGED HIM
TO GO ANYWAY, SAYING HE, SHALEV, WOULD FIX THINGS WITH UNESCO.
ONE SOURCE STATES SHALEV ALSO SAID HE GREAT FRIEND OF SOVIET
AUTHORITIES AND COULD HELP IN THAT CONNECTION AS WELL. SINCE
KHMELEVSKI'S ESCAPE SHALEV HAS WRITTEN REPEATEDLY TO ROEJKJAER,
DENOUNCING HIS ROLE IN KHMELEVSKI'S DEPARTURE AND THREATENING
RAISE MATTER WITH UNESCO HEADQUARTERS. ROEJKJAER HAS HIMSELF
SENT COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH SHALEV TO UNESCO, DEFENDING
HIMSELF ON OFFICIAL LEVEL AGAINST SHALEV CHARGES. KHMELEVSKI

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PHONE CALL INTENDED PROVIDE SOME INFORMAL BACKGROUND.

3. GROWING SOVIET ROLE IN BURUNDI'S ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEUR (ENS) AND APPARENT ATTEMPT MAKE ENS DOMINATING ELEMENT IN BURUNDI HIGHER EDUCATION, FOR LATTER OF WHICH SHALEV BEARS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WHILE HE AT LEAST ACQUIESCED IN FORMER, TAKES ON SINISTER ASPECT IN LIGHT ABOVE. SHALEV ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING GUENNADI TKATCH (BUJUMBURA 287) TRANSFERRED FROM BILATERAL SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO UNESCO TEAM AND NOW PUSHING HIM AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR AS HEAD OF TEAM. END FYI.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTING BIO INFORMATION ON SHALEV BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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